GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 0.52 Ha. (0.12 ha in North Dhone RF of Dhone Range, 0.35 ha in Jaladurgam RF of Dhone Range and 0.05 ha in Gundlakonda RF of Kurnool Range) of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within in the Right of Way (RoW) passing through forest under Kurnool Division for providing 4G Communications in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited - Permission accorded - Orders Issued

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE &TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 17 **Dated: 21-02-2019**

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF (HoFF), A.P, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/9/2018/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, dated:27.01.2019.
2. GoI, MoEF& C.C, New Delhi, Lr.No.11-9/98- FC, dated.16-10-2000 & 7-9-2015

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.52 Ha. (0.12 ha in North Dhone RF of Dhone Range, 0.35 ha in Jaladurgam RF of Dhone Range and 0.05 ha in Gundlakonda RF of Kurnool Range) of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within in the Right of Way (RoW) passing through forest under Kurnool Division for providing 4G Communications in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favor of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited. In proforma Part –II, the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool has recommended the proposal. In proforma Part –III, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has recommended the proposal. Duly recommending the proposal in proforma Part-IV, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) has requested to consider the proposal and accord stage-I approval in view of the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change vide letter 2nd read above.

2. Government, after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the reference 2nd read above, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.52 Ha. forest land (i.e. 0.12 ha in North Dhone RF of Dhone Range + 0.35 ha in Jaladurgam RF of Dhone Range + 0.05 ha in Gundlakonda RF of Kurnool Range) for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within in the Right of Way (RoW) passing through forest under Kurnool Division for providing 4G Communications in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Dated.28-3-2008 and 9-5-2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202 of 1995 and as per the orders issued by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh vide Go.Ms.No.124, EFS&T (For.I) Department, Dated:27-7-2010.

iii. The funds received from the user agency towards Net Present value (NPV), under this project shall be deposited either in SB A/c No.SB01025198, Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF), Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371).

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iv. Additional amount of the Net Present value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

v. Other conditions specified in the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, letters Dt. 6-10-2000 and 7-9-2015 shall also be complied with by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, and user agency with which they are concerned.

vi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.52 Ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department. The forest land shall be handed over to the user agency only after comply of the above conditions.

vii. Regarding any work in violation of the Acts and Rules, Regulations and guidelines in the matter, the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Government / Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force).

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
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The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool.
The Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnolol.
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The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for EFS&T
The P.S to Principal Secretary to Government, EFS&T Dept.
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